

CHAMBERS' BILL.

State Common School Code Prepared by the Member from Tarrant.

Important Checks to the Spread of Lawlessness in Texas.

House Astride the Everlasting Rusted Wire Fence Question.

or Ireland's Response to the Charge Against Americans.

Session—Political Bosh of the Old Lady of the Sea.

to the Gazette.

On January 30.—The senate, already known, did a good work yesterday. Early in the session the school bill was read by sections, and agreed upon 103 sections, is a common school code and a splendid system. It is reduced by Mr. Chambers, with changes to be necessary. Mr. Chambers had valuable aid in drafting this bill, and makes it his sole work.

It certainly deserves credit and the gratitude of the people for devoting his forward the bill, for persistent and effective in getting it through the senate and both branches of the legislature, for it will certainly get before the session closes.

All other measures fall, this bill already passed, will save the state a thousand-fold.

Extra session, and live in the extra session, as monuments to the memory of the Eighteenth legislature. The two road bills were also passed by Mr. Chambers.

He can repose on laurels as expanding as the system of the school and as the roads.

These laws may be regarded as the most important links in the chain to check lawlessness, protect and secure peace and prosperity of the country. The road law is with special view to the convenience and necessities of the people, and the removal of one of the vexatious causes of fence-cutting.

Hereafter he can rest on his laurels, and the legislature will be at liberty to make the commissioners.

The school system is believed to be perfect as legislative work, and capable of producing. It is in every respect an improvement on the published systems, but follows nearly the Missouri than any other.

The machinery is admirable, with efficient superintendents in operation and keep it moving. It is a pity that the legislature, which is a higher standard, has not achieved commensurate with the effort and worthy the great trust upon which it rests.

The generation will be educated, though religious teaching is technically prohibited by the constitution.

Common schools, it may safely be said, that a higher standard, and a clearer understanding of philosophy of men and etum will be attained.

house is in travail astride the fence, with the penitentiary on the one side and county jails on the other.

oster's substitute for the first section is felony to cut fence on one's own land, and a misdemeanor for cutting on land not one's own.

Drake gave bond for his appearance.

It is reported here this evening that Cox & Bell, general merchandise, Hillsboro, have made an assignment, and that two or three Waco houses are caught.

Waco Female college, the Southern Methodist educational institution here, will spend \$6,000 in building improvements, work to commence at once.

The fence-cutting item wired you last night turns out correct. It was Mr. W. R. Kellum's, six miles of wire were destroyed.

Mr. J. F. Sillman has been appointed manager of the Bradstreet Mercantile agency at this point.

The Missouri Pacific officials passed through to San Antonio. No news as to reduction of the force here.

City assessments point to a \$5,000, 000 values roll this year, an increase of \$50,000 over last year.

Rowland Reed is playing "Check" tonight.

Summerish weather for two days.

HILLSBORO.

A Marriage—Failure of a Dry Goods Firm—Personal and Local Paragraphs.

Special to the Gazette.

Hillsboro, January 30.—Mr. O. W. Ellington was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Clara Mosley this evening by Rev. R. E. Cooper.

The ceremony took place at the bride's home, Mr. Ed. Reeves' house.

Mr. W. H. Ellington of Pilot Point is in the city on a visit.

The failure of a prominent dry goods firm here is much regretted by all of our citizens. Full particulars will be furnished.

The candy pulling at Mrs. Bond's residence last night, given by the Ladies' Aid society, was a very enjoyable affair.

The county court meets on Monday next. A full docket is on hand to be disposed of.

A new dry goods firm is one of the things in the future.

The telephone manager at this place is going to quit the business because it does not pay.

Hill county can boast of as fine stock as any county in the state. Mr. Thos. Myles, the owner of "Buckskin," the elegant pacer so much admired at Fort Worth, wintering "Buckskin" here.

Buckskin is a Hill county horse, and is only four years old and promises to turn out all competitors.

A Bank Suspends.

Denver, Col., January 30.—After a heavy rain the Merchants & Mechanics bank of Leadville suspended this afternoon and was immediately attached for \$37,000. More attachments will follow. No estimate of liabilities or what it will pay is at present obtainable. This leaves but one bank in Leadville, the Carbonade.

A Steamer Disabled.

Baltimore, January 30.—The pilot steamship Carolina reports the steamer Heathmore at the mouth of the Patuxent river, having lost three blades of her propeller at sea and another in Craig Hill channel. She was bound from New Orleans for Amsterdam. Assistance has gone to her.

A Mare Dead.

New York, January 30.—The famous mare, Midnight, daughter of Jay's and Noonday, died at Palo Alto on the 19th, aged 19.

A DARK HORSE.

Ogden Looming Up for the Vacant Federal Judgeship—A Stunner to His Party.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin, January 30.—Considerable talk was indulged in among federal officials to-day by the announcement from Washington of the entrance of a dark horse in the race for the judgeship vacated by Morrell, in the person of Charles Ogden of San Antonio.

Fears are expressed that he will win the prize, and a prominent Republican official remarked that he would rather see Ballinger get it. It is charged that railroad influences are at the bottom of Ogden's candidacy, he being an attorney for the Gould system in Texas, and his chief backer, Ira Evans, a land agent for the International railway. It is believed that Arthur, finding that he would give offense to rival candidates by the appointment of either of the other applicants, and thus build up an opposition in Texas to his renominate, will attempt to avert the storm by giving the position to some one not mixed up in the fight, who, it is anticipated will be Ogden.

THE DAY'S SENSATION.

A War of Words Between Two Fieri Members—No Gore in Sight.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin, January 30.—The chief sensation of the session was the hostile demonstrations made on the floor of the house this morning between Representative Foster of Limestone and Hazlewood of Delta. The intonation of the former, on closing his retort to the language of the latter, that he could be found whenever wanted outside the representative chamber, was construed as inviting a challenge, and when Mr. Hazlewood excused himself this evening on account of sickness, rumors of a prospective belligerent meeting began to thicken. Both men were known to possess plenty of courage, and it was doubted whether the bitter language used in the debate could have any termination save in a duel. By the intervention of mutual friends this evening, however, the matter was amicably settled, and the gentlemen parted friends.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Prof. Mallett's Probable Succession—Other Chairs to be Created.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin, January 30.—The executive committee of the university regents will meet within a few days, probably next week, when the question of selecting a successor to Prof. Mallett, it is believed, will be finally settled. The gentleman most prominently mentioned in this connection is Prof. Jap of London, England, a scholar of distinction and well fitted to adorn any institution of learning. It is possible that two new chairs will be created, physics and mineralogy and geology, and among those who are being considered in this connection are the two LeCombs of California. The board will have a number of distinguished educators from which to make their selection, but the gentlemen named are regarded as the probable appointees.

WACO.

A Rencontre—Rumored Failure—The Female College—More Fence-Cutting.

Special to the Gazette.

Waco, January 30.—W. T. Harris, sheriff of this county, and J. M. Drake, a job printer, had a rencontre at the Waco meeting next week. The promoters of the scheme express confidence of success.

The grand jury convened to-day. Everybody is consequently on the qui vive for new sensational developments in the cotton swindles. A true bill was to-day returned against Joe Forsythe, charged with assault with intent to kill Sam Bills.

He expects a trial to-morrow.

T. L. Belt was acquitted in the district court. He is charged with stealing a horse from S. R. Sealy of Lisbon.

The scarlet women of the city were arraigned in the mayor's court this morning and assessed the regulation \$7.50 each.

The residence of Robert Parley on Bryan street was entered by a burglar Monday night, but the visitor was frightened away by Mrs. Purdy awakening and inquiring who was there.

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News reached here to-night of a clash between horse thieves and officers near Waxahachie in Ellis county. Two men offered a number of horses for sale in Waxahachie for which they could not produce satisfactory evidence of ownership. One of the men named Hickney was arrested on suspicion of being a horse thief; the other, name not learned, fled, pursued by Deputy Sheriff John Meredith.

A fight took place three miles from Waxahachie, in which the thief's horse was wounded and captured.

The rider shot Deputy Sheriff Meredith through the thigh, and he is in critical condition. Sheriff Brawley is in pursuit with a posse of men and pack of blood-hounds. It is thought Meredith's posse wounded the desperate fugitive. He will undoubtedly be killed or captured.

A DAY AT DALLAS.

Strike of Employees on the Texas & St. Louis Narrow Gauge Road.

Another Attempted Assassination—Stolen Property Recovered.

Current Topics of the Time and Local Happenings.

Special to the Gazette.

Dallas, Texas, January 30.—Passengers from the east to-night report a general strike of the train forces on the Texas & St. Louis Narrow Gauge railroad, and that it extends through Arkansas and Texas. United States mail cars only are allowed to move. The strike is for the payment of over-due salaries.

Henry Dean, while riding through the business part of the city this morning about two o'clock, was shot through the right leg and dangerously wounded. There is no clue to who did the shooting. This is the third attempt this week to assassinate people by unknown parties.

Miss M. L. Minor of Dallas was robbed on the night of January 14th, of a gold watch and chain, a pair of bracelets, \$18 in money, and a small satchel in which she had deposited articles. City Marshal Arnold to-day returned Miss Minor all her property except the money, having found a part of it at Fort Worth and the balance in Colorado City, where the thieves had disposed of it. No clues as to who the thieves are.

A new-comer from Tennessee, named P. A. Rambo, was "worked" by a confidence crook, who played the racket of engaging him to go to New Mexico to drive a team. The swindler then borrowed all the money the verdant youth possessed, thirty dollars, to pay their expenses out to New Mexico, and then he disappeared. After waiting this evening Rambo reported to the sheriff's office and the swindler was soon found and committed to the county jail. He gives his name as W. F. Schroeder. He was fully identified by Rambo. A part of the money was returned to the victim.

Stock cattle in the western part of the county are dying in considerable numbers from a disease that stockmen are not familiar with and which cannot be made to yield to treatment. Stock are taken with a sudden sickness similar to that caused by eating buckeye and die in a few hours. A meeting of farmers and stockmen was held to-day at Grand Prairie to see if a remedy could not be devised to check or cure the disease, which is spreading rapidly.

Alexander Cockrell has just fenced in a 4,000 acre pasture and will inclose 7,200 more twelve miles west of Dallas. The 4,000 acres is for a breeding ranch; the 7,200 acres for young stock cattle. He reports his section free from fence-cutting.

The great cotton swindle and railroad embezzlement cases against Lohmstein, Cammack and Easton were called this morning in the district court and passed, or rather continued till the next term. The cause of this seems to be that the cases are so ponderous in size and details that neither the state or the defendants' attorneys have yet been able to get down into the merits, or rather demerits of them.

A coat-thief named Hunter stole that particular garment from a tree peddler named Kelly to-day, was chased by officers nearly a mile, captured and lodged in jail.

Johnny Messmore, the lost boy, was found late last night.

Dallas is still stirring on the state Odd Fellows' temple and will make a formidable effort to secure it at the Fort Worth meeting next week. The promoters of the scheme express confidence of success.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Conflicting Interests Fatal to the Federal Court Bill—Notes of the Day.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, D. C., January 30.—On the bill to locate a branch of the United States court at some point in Northern Texas, the judiciary committee to-day heard Rogers of Arkansas, Throckmorton, Culberson and Judge Lindsey of Texas, and Stanley of the Choctaw Nation. The impression is that the bill will be defeated by conflicting interests.

TEXAS POSTOFFICES.

John Haynes was commissioned postmaster at Round Rock, and Charles Schmidt at Bracken, Comal county.

SIMON CAMERON'S SOUTHERN TOUR.

Most of the Pennsylvania politicians in the city deny the statement that Simon Cameron has gone to Texas and the Southwest for political purposes. They declare that the rumors to that effect studiously circulated in Washington are pure and simple lies.

A prominent member of the Pennsylvania delegation remarked to the GAZETTE correspondent to-day that he could not understand how such reports could possibly gain headway.

"Why," said he, "I know Cameron intimately and am certain that he has gone away purely for his health and to recuperate his energy. He cares less than most people think for politics and politicians. The story that he is exerting his influence with Southern Republicans in the interest of Bob Lincoln or any other man is wholly nonsense. It is doubtful in my mind if he has ever met any noted Southern Republican in a social way."

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 30.—Postmaster—James B. Budd, Houma, Louisiana; Niel Sinclair, Morgan City, Louisiana; Carrel Ballinger, Luling, Texas; James H. Ashcroft, Paducah, Kentucky; Harry W. Grantley, Appleton City, Missouri; Lindell C. Cantwell, Richmond, Missouri; Adrian C. Case, St. Louis, Missouri; J. C. Jessep, Dardanelle, Arkansas; Benjamin McElroy, Frankfort, Kansas; N. A. Yeager, Augusta, Kansas; George Huyck, Ellsworth, Kansas.

THE MACKAY FUNERAL.

All public business is suspended in the senate and house, and the funeral ceremonies of the late Congressman Mackay of South Carolina are progressing in the hall of the house of representatives in the presence of the members of both branches of the national legislature.

A CONTEST DISMISSED.

The house committee on elections dismissed consideration of the contested election cases of Janin vs. Hunt from Louisiana, on the ground that the evidence of the former was not introduced within the time prescribed by law.

FITZ JOHN PORTER.

The Fitz John Porter debate will be closed Friday, or at latest Saturday. In the course of debate Saturday, Gen. Shocum, who has charge of the bill, interrupted Hoyt to say he had in his possession the original letters of Gen. Garfield. He was in favor of the commission. Gen. Shocum said further: "These letters will be produced before this house by a gentleman on your own side, and in whom you will be confident." It is learned the Republican to whom Gen. Shocum referred is Phelps of New Jersey, who is to close the debate in defense of Porter. General Shocum, on moving the previous question, will yield his hour to Phelps, who was selected as an old friend of General Porter, and because the latter has since the war been a resident of New Jersey and the district which Phelps represents in congress. It is understood the friends of General Porter have placed in the hands of Phelps private letters and other new evidence from notable characters, which will fully and authoritatively contradict various assertions made by the opponents of the Porter bill.

GOVERNOR MURRAY.

Representative White of Kentucky testified before the house committee on expenditures of the department of justice to-day in reference to his assertion that the state of Utah, he referred to the charge of irregularities in office by Murray while he was United States marshal of Kentucky, and said the government had been wronged out of thousands of dollars in consequence of expenses incurred by fruitless and unnecessary prosecutions against citizens of the United States, by which the government and its officers. False and fictitious charges for guards were made, and numerous prosecutions had been instituted for the most trivial violations of law, and parties were taken from remote parts of the state to Louisville, passing en route through the city of St. Louis, where they were harassed and imprisoned. This was, he said, not in the interest of the government, but apparently for no other reason than to make costs.

SENATE.

Washington, D. C., January 30.—A petition was presented signed by 4,000 citizens of the District of Columbia and other petitioners signed by a large number of citizens of Dakota and Idaho, all praying for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors in the district and territories.

Hall called up the report of the committee of conference of both houses relating to the Greely relief expedition. The report recommends that the senate decide for the assignment of a number of persons who volunteer for the service shall be detailed for the expedition.

Sherman stated that if he had known that the bill, when it was presented, would be taken up by the senate, he would have ordered the secretary of the navy to order any man outside the line of his duty to take his life in his hands, as would be the case in such an expedition as this, he would not have voted for it.

Saulsbury was opposed to giving any man, whether secretary of the navy or president, authority to order or assign men on a voyage so perilous, while others would gladly volunteer for the purpose. He did not know that the secretary of the navy would assign any man to the work who would not be perfectly willing. But if the secretary wanted to assign men, he would have no objection, would afford an opportunity. He remembered the fate of Lieutenant Herndon, whose exploration of the Amazon reflected so much credit on the country, and he remembered that a brave officer was assigned to take charge of the vessel against whose seaworthiness he was unavailingly protesting, and his life, the life of the expedition, was lost.

Hall presented from the views expressed by the senator from Delaware. He hoped the spirit of the navy would be tested in this matter, and the senate would be tested in its amendment.

Ingalls hoped the senate would not recede.

HOUSE.

At one o'clock the chair informed the senate that the hour had arrived to attend the funeral ceremonies of the late representative Mackay, and the senators thereupon proceeded in a body to the hall of the house, and on their return adjourned.

WASHINGTON, January 30.—Young, chairman of the committee of expenditures of the interior department, reported the resolution empowering the committee on investigation of the work at Hot Springs creek to send for persons and papers, and to send the government sanitary engineer to Hot Springs, Ark., to inspect the work and report whether the work being done is hurtful to the health of adjacent towns.

Holman offered an amendment directing the committee to investigate the general management of the government property at Hot Springs, embracing leases made and all matters connected therewith. Adopted, and resolution agreed to.

Rogers, from the committee on post-offices and post roads, reported the resolution calling on the postmaster-general for all reports made by special agents of the postoffice department to the postmaster-general during 1881, having reference to the star route investigation, which have not heretofore been published. Adopted.

The following resolutions were submitted from committees: Hatch of Missouri, from committee on agriculture—To establish a bureau of animal industry to prevent the spread of diseases of domestic animals. Placed on house calendar.

Glynn, from the committee on military affairs—Retirement of H. J. Hunt, in the rank of major-general. Placed on private calendar.

Money, from the committee on post-offices and postroads—Regulating rates of postage on second-class mail matter at letter carrier offices. Placed on house calendar. It makes the rate uniform at two cents per pound.

Hardman, from the committee on territories—Townsend's bill providing that no territory shall apply for admission as a state until it contains a population equal to that required in a congressional district. Placed on house calendar.

The hour of 1 o'clock having arrived, public business was suspended and arrangements for the funeral ceremonies of the late E. W. Mackay of South Carolina were made. At five minutes past 1 the senate was announced, and as the members of that body filed down the main aisle seats were assigned to them, while the members of the house remained standing as a mark of respect. The funeral procession did not reach the capitol until about 2:15, preceded by the pall-bearers and the joint committee of arrangements, followed by many sorrowing friends. The casket with the remains was borne into the chamber and placed upon a support in front of the speaker's desk. Selections from the bible were read by Rev. Dr. E. D. Huntley, and an appropriate address delivered by Rev. Dr. R. H. Shippen of the Unitarian church. After benediction by the chaplain of the house the funeral procession to the chamber. The funeral procession to the chamber. The funeral procession to the chamber.

MURDER AND MYSTERY.

A Hunter Shot and Killed in His Cabin by Unknown Parties.

Character of the Dead Man and His Lonely Life on the Sea Shore.

Special to the Gazette.

Galveston, January 30.—The mail boat which arrived from Smith's Point last night brings the intelligence that last Sunday evening just at dusk a terrible tragedy, which is at present shrouded in mystery so far as the names of the perpetrators are concerned, was enacted in Galveston. It was a point in Galveston twenty-five miles. The particulars of the affair, as gleaned by your correspondent from different sources to-day, are as follows:

Last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock, as Lewis McComb was sitting at the table eating a supper, he was informed by the residence of Mrs. Richard Barrows, with whom he boarded, the report of a gun or pistol rang out upon the air, and with a single gasp the doomed man fell from his seat and rolled out of the open doorway, near which his chair had been placed. Mrs. Barrows and the children, who were in the room, rushed to the fallen man's assistance, and were horrified to find upon reaching him that he was dead.

Mrs. Barrows' sons were in the yard, and hearing the report of fire arms started for the house. As they came in view of the doorway they saw two men walk away, and disappear in the darkness. Justice Charles Ely of Smith's Point was notified of the killing, and summoning a jury proceeded to hold an inquest on the remains. After listening to the evidence, the jury returned the following verdict: The deceased came to his death from gunshot wounds, inflicted either from a pistol, shot-gun or rifle at the hands of some unknown party.

Lewis McComb, the murdered man, was about thirty-five or thirty-six years of age. He had been a resident of the state of Texas for the past ten years, and for the last four years he had been in the employ of the Messrs. Barrows, a family of hunters who supply this market with large quantities of game during the season. McComb's business was to transfer the game from the bay shore to this city, where he disposed of it to Mr. Wm. E. Nelson, the Twenty-First street game dealer. He made regular trips to the city, and returned, and on the day of the shooting he had arrived home from one of his voyages, having left here the day previous with a quantity of provisions. The deceased is described by parties as being a brutal man and hard person in general. Some time ago he was jailed in this city for having administered an unmerciful beating to a woman with whom he had been living. He was bailed out by Mrs. Barrows, and continued at his business of transporting game in the manner above noted. Shortly after his trouble with the woman, when it was said that he began living with the boys, and continued with them to the hour of his death. He was not strictly speaking in the employ, as he received a commission for carrying and disposing of the game, the boys doing the hunting. The dead man is not known to have a mortal enemy in the world, although he was not considered a favorite among his

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class. It is reported that the weapon with which the deceased was shot was held so near his person that the clothing was scorched by the burning powder. This would certainly indicate that the person who pulled the trigger was certain of his aim, and committed the act in cold blood and with deep deliberation. The scene of the tragedy is an unpretentious hunter's cabin on the bleak prairie which marks the east shore of the bay. The nearest settlement is Smith's Point, which is fully 6 miles distant from the Barrows home. There is a postoffice at the Point, but no telephone communication with the outside world, rendering it impossible for a correspondent to get further details. The country from Smith Point to Barrows' home, the scene of the tragedy, is thinly settled, being dotted at a distance of a mile or more with hunter's cabins. Stockmen live in the neighborhood, and the hunters and fends are said to occasionally arise between them. However, no one known to have existed between McComb and these men. The deceased is not known to have any relatives in the state. Rumors are afloat as to the causes leading to the assassination, but none can be traced to a tangible source.

At a recent shore twenty-five miles from Smith's Point, the body of the deceased was found. The body was found by a person and the body was found by a person and the body was found by a person.

Some effort to believe that McComb was mistaken for Barrows and killed by neighboring barrow men whose fences had been recently cut.

Hon. Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania, who is here on a pleasure trip, will probably visit San Antonio within the next two weeks.

The rumor that J. Gould was about to absorb the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad and that Secretary Killen had resigned is pronounced by Messrs. Sealy and Killen to be a "tissue of falsehoods."

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Prospect of the State's Representation at New Orleans.

The Hancock Resolutions—The Two Colored Members.

Campaign Documents—Political Dots—Lamar's Representative.

No Herd Law Possible—The Tax Rate Problem.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin, January 30.—A member of the house, who will vote against the exposition bill, remarked: "I hope it will pass that there are enough members who believe it is not unconstitutional to put it through. As for myself, I cannot conscientiously vote for it with my understanding of the constitution. If I were an outsider I would work for and urge the legislature to pass it." This from one of the most intelligent and conservative members of the legislature.

Those proposed Hancock resolutions seem to have bluffed the old war horse clear off the track. Now is the time for the vendor of liver pads to get in his work.

There is a